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US SEABEDS DEL (FOR WULF)

1. TO BEST KNOWLEDGE QTE TANZANIAN QUESTION UNQTE RELATES TO STATEMENT MADE BY TANZANIAN DELEGATION ON DIFFERENT MAP REPRESENTATIONS OF THEIR SEABED AREA. INFERENCE WAS OLD CHART SHOWED NARROW ZONE, NEWER CHARTS WIDER ZONE. ALLEGEDLY STATED QTE CANNOT TRUST SCIENTISTS UNQTE DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN PORTRAYAL. HODGSON AND ALBERS EXAMINED USGS AND STATE MAPS; FOUND NO APPRECIABLE DIFFERENCES IN PORTRAYAL OF TANZANIAN MARGIN. HODGSON SUGGESTED THAT TANZANIANS BE ASKED FOR MAP REFERENCES. WITHOUT SPECIFIC DATA, COULD NOT ANSWER QUESTION PROPERLY. THEORIZED THAT ORIGINAL SEABEDS DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON SHELF WHICH NARROW FOR TANZANIA. CURRENT TALKS FOCUS ON DISTANCE OR MARGIN WHICH VERY WIDE. PERCEPTIONAL DIFFERENCES MAY ACCOUNT FOR THE PROBLEM.

2. ONLY OTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTION IS THAT GEOGRAPHER IN UNCLASSIFIED

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1970 REPRINTED A WORLD BATHYMETRIC CHART PREPARED

FOR LOS INSTITUTE WHICH SHOWED SELECTED BATHYMETRIC
CONTOURS. CHART BASED UPON SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN

CHARTS (ONLY METRIC CHARTS AVAILABLE THEN) WHICH
APPARENTLY DID NOT INCORPORATE INDIAN OCEAN RESEARCH
INFORMATION. LATER US MAPS, BASED UPON GEOLOGY AND
SLOPE AND INCORPORATING THE NEWER DATE, ARE JUDGED
MORE ACCURATE. DISTRIBUTION OF WORLD BATHYMETRY
RELATIVELY LIMITED; MAP NOT BEING REPRINTED OR
DISTRIBUTED AT PRESENT.

3. WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DATA ON NATURE OF QUESTION CAN-
NOT THEORIZE FURTHER.

4. TANZANIANS ALSO REQUESTED CHARTS, CATALOGES AND JOUR-
NALS FROM BRITTIN. THOSE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON SENT
BRITTIN WITH SOURCES FOR NON-AVAILABLE ITEMS. ROGERS

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